



Month in Review

This past month has been a busy and exciting one here at Valley View. We started the month of May with the Spartan Baseball team playing at 5/3 Field in Dayton, the home of the Dayton Dragons.

Our Juniors and Seniors had the time of their life at the Prom. The Senior class participated in Signing Day where they committed to colleges like Sinclair, University of Dayton, Miami University, University of Cincinnati, University of the Cumberland, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Shawnee State University, Toledo, Ohio Northern and The Modern College of Design just to name a few.

The 8th grade Spartans went on a fun-filled trip to Washington DC, more on that below. Our Kindergarten - 6th graders participated in Ag Awareness Day where the High School FFA Members taught things like tractor safety, wildlife and livestock animals.

The 6th grade students put on a fantastic fundraiser to raise money for the charity, *Water for South Sudan*. The 7th grade staged an Environmental Night where participants learned about the water cycle, recycling, the garbage patch, water filtration and much more.

Our seniors also took part in the annual Senior Breakfast, where we celebrated many of the seniors who received scholarships and awards. There were also choir and band concerts all month long showcasing the talents of our amazing students.

We cannot forget our Spartan athletes. Many of our track athletes qualified for regional competitions and in the 4x400 (Elizabeth Barnett, Clara Walton, Lilly Johnson & Anna Roach), the Open 400m (Anna Roach) and Ryan Michael in the 1600m are all competing at the state level. Several boys tennis team members and the coach were recognized at the All-Area Tennis Awards and our Baseball team finished as SWBL champions!

The icing on the cake that was May 2019, was Graduation! These are just a few of the highlights leading to the end of the school year!

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Graduation 2019

On May 21 we celebrated the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2019! This year graduation took place at the Princeton Pike Church of God in Liberty Township.

The class of 2019 was filled with 141 graduates and 44 of those students graduated with honors. And of the those 110 have made plans to continue their education at either a two-year or four-year institution. The class of 2019 were awarded with over a \$1,000,000 in scholarships!

Cameron Carter graduated as class Valedictorian and Alexander Neargarder, who accelerated as a 7th grader, was the Salutatorian.

Valley View is also very proud to announce that we graduated two CTC Valedictorians, Cameron Willis and Angel Adams. And 33 of our CTC students earned the \$3,000 Tech Prep Scholarship to Sinclair Community College.

This year marked a first in Valley View history. Emily Helmers, using the College Credit Plus program, was able to graduate from Miami University with her Bachelors Degree in Political Science one week before she graduated from Valley View.

Congratulations Class of 2019! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!



Eighth Grade Washington DC Field Trip

Eighth grade Valley View students recently returned from an exciting four days in Washington DC. This year 105 students and seven staff members traveled to our nation's capital to learn about the history of our country. The trip included tours through Gettysburg and Mount Vernon, eleven memorials including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, the National Archives, the National Cathedral, the National Zoo, Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and so much more.

This is not only an educational trip for students but a step towards independence and personal growth. Many students at this age report not fully understanding the sacrifices people made throughout history so they could have the freedoms they experience before they went on this trip.

Families participated in a number of fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help fund the excursion. We would like to thank our community members who helped by supporting their efforts, including the concessions at junior high home games, as well as, private donors who provided scholarships to help students who would otherwise not have been able to attend. A special thank you also goes out to the Lion's Club, who has donated \$1,000 every year in scholarship money to help students attend this trip of a lifetime.

This year students earned almost \$9,000 through fundraising, and earned over \$3,500 in scholarships.

There are already close to 100 students from the 7th grade who have signed up for next year's trip, and registration will continue to be open through the fall.

Students who could not attend the trip traveled to the Veterans' Memorial Museum in Ohio. They also visited the fire station, municipal building, and police station for an in-depth look at careers in those fields.



Students of the Quarter

Kindergarten – Rylan Garrett & Brantley Stacey

1st Grade – Kenadie Talsma & Raylin Snyder

2nd Grade – Ana Gonzalez & Cooper Beck

3rd Grade – Carleigh Henson & Drew Scholler

4th Grade – Gracie Whitaker & Owen Neal

5th Grade – Callie Rozelle & Casey Bach

6th Grade – Ainsley Richards & Marcus Kenyon-Crump

7th Grade – Olivia Ables & Cooper Fulwiler

8th Grade – Riley Hodson & Troy Hypes

9th Grade – CJ Blevins & Alex Shartle

10th Grade – Keirsten Holp & Patrick Scott

11th Grade – Abby Caskey & Justin Mills

12th Grade – Ashley Fisher & Adam Baltozer

A Day to Change the World

A day for students to find similarities rather than differences. A day to connect. A day to include and empathize. A day that spurs a change that ripples through the school for the rest of the year.

It's called Challenge Day, and it's "how we change the world," according to Oprah's high praise for the program. It is coming to Valley View schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

Bullying is the number one issue most often brought up by parents to school administration. Challenge Day seeks to address this issue—along with many others including harassment, exclusion, gossip, racism, sexism and intolerance—through the use of music and interactive exercises that inspire a school-wide movement of compassion and positive change.

As a district, we strive to make all students feel included and heard, which is why we're excited to implement this program for the coming school year. We encourage parents and family members to discuss these issues with their students.

Watch for more communication regarding this life-changing day coming with the new school year!

Still Got It?

August 9 at Barker Field. Sign up to be a part of the Back to the Gridiron event!

Alumni football players, cheerleaders, band, color guard, Spartanettes

[Sign up today!](#)

